

Applicative II: Double Object Construction

Bruening, Benjamin. 2001. QR Obeys superiority: Frozen scope and ACD. *LI* 32: 233-273.

QR: any quantifier seems to take scope over any other quantifier in the same clause.

- (1) a. A (different) student read every article.
b. Jill saw a different boy in each house.

Double object construction is different (Larson 1988, 1990; Aoun and Li 1989, 1993; Marantz 1993)

- (2) a. I gave a child each doll. $a > \text{each}$, $*\text{each} > a$
b. I gave a doll to each child. $a > \text{each}$, $\text{each} > a$

Same phenomenon with spray-load (Larson 1990)

- (3) a. Maud draped a (different) sheet over every armchair. $\text{every} > a$
b. Maud draped a (#different) armchair with every sheet. $*\text{every} > a$

There is a failure of the second quantifier in the DOC (?a) and *with* the construction in ?b to be able to move above the higher quantifier.

pair list

- (4) a. Which sheet did he drape t over every armchair? P-L OK
b. Which book did you give t to every student? P-L OK

- (5) a. Which armchair did he drape t with every sheet? *P-L
b. Which wall did he spray t with every color of paint? *P-L

bound variables

- (6) a. Robert sent a student who'd taken her₁ course to every professor₁. $\text{every} > a$ (WCO?)
b. *Mona sent a professor who'd reviewed it₁ every book₁. $*\text{every} > a$

- (7) a. Maud draped a sheet that matched its₁ color over every armchair₁. $\text{every} > a$
b. *Maud draped an armchair that matched its₁ color with every sheet₁. $*\text{every} > a$

parallel judgement with *pair list*

- (8) a. Which book by his₁ professor did you give to every student₁? P-L OK
b. *Which student of its₁ philosophy did you send every book₁? *P-L

- (9) a. Which sheet matching its₁ color did he drape over every armchair₁? P-L OK

b. * Which armchair that matched its₁ color did he drape with every sheet₁? *P-L

Antecedent-contained deletion: a puzzle

(10) Ozzy gave someone everything that Belinda did [_{VP}]

(i) scope freezing: someone > every, *every > someone

(ii) **BUT OK as ACD**

ACD resolution (Sag 1976, May 1985, Larson and May 1990, Fiengo and May 1994)

(11) a. Nigel likes to perform in every city that David does [_{VP}].

b. Nigel likes to perform in every city that David does [_{VP} likes to perform in every city that David does [_{VP} likes to perform in every city that David does...]]

c. [every city that David does [_{VP}]]_x [Nigel [_{VP} likes to perform in x]]

Bruening's solution: the two quantifiers of DOC **move despite scope freezing**.

The QP in the second object position is not absolutely frozen in scope
scope over subject

(12) a. A (different) teacher gave me every book. every > a

b. At least two judges awarded me every medal. every > at least two

(13) At least two children smeared that board with each color of paint. ?each > at least two

bound variable

(14) ?Someone from its₁ place of origin gave me each ancient urn₁ in my collection.